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TO AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

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SUBJECT: SOUTH ROAD PROJECT

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1550

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. IDB STAFF ADVISES US THAT CONSULTANTS FOR SOUTH ROAD PROJECT ARE STILL ENGAGED IN ANALYSIS OF CONTRACTORS' BIDS. BANK ANTICIPATES THAT CONSULTANTS WILL SUBMIT REPORT WITHIN TEN DAYS TO GOH AND THAT IDB WILL RECEIVE IT WITHIN TWO WEEKS. DEPENDENT UPON CONCLUSIONS OF CONSULTANTS' ANALYSIS IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BIDDING SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE MODIFIED IN EFFORT TO REDUCE COSTS AND REMOVE UNCERTAINTIES. ANTICIPATE THAT PROJECT WILL BE REBID SOME TIME BEFORE THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR ALTHOUGH THE EXACT TIMING UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME. FYI DEPENDING ON NEW TENDERS IDB MAY CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PROJECT. END FYI. BANK'S OBJECTIVE CONTINUES TO BE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF
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VIABLE PROJECT.

2. BELIEVE PRESENCE OF U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN PORT AU PRINCE AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1 WILL PROVIDE YOU AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY VIEWS REGARDING THIS ROAD TO INDIVIDUAL MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN REPRESENTING USG POSITION TO IDB.

3. WHILE WE BELIEVE THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN CONCERT WITH OTHER DONORS TO ENCOURAGE GOH TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES AND TO REGULARIZE FISCAL/BUDGETARY AFFAIRS, THE FUTURE OF THIS PROJECT MUST BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE GOH AND THE IDB. BEYOND MAKING YOUR VIEWS KNOWN TO U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WE WOULD RECOMMEND LIMITING THE EMBASSY'S ROLE IN THIS CASE. CONSEQUENTLY WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN INITIATING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF THIS PROJECT WITH PRESIDENT DUVALIER. WE RECOGNIZE OF COURSE THAT SOUTH ROAD IS LIKELY TO BE TOPIC IN ANY DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. KISSINGER

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